

Huntington, NY – Today, Congressman Steve Israel (D-Huntington) released the following safety tips as New York prepares for a major winter storm. The storm could create blizzard conditions for parts of Long Island and the greater New York area and may affect recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy. The National Weather Service is predicting worsening conditions from Friday evening and into Saturday morning, along with the possibility of record snowfalls.

During the storm and after the storm hits, keep yourself and your family safe by:

- Staying indoors and staying off the roadways.
- Checking on elderly neighbors and seniors living in your community.
- NEVER using a generator, grill, or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal burning devices inside an enclosed area in your home. This is both a fire and safety hazard.
- Steering clear of any downed electrical wires. They may be live so please do not try and move them yourself. Report them to Con Edison or LIPA.
- Making sure you're prepared by having flashlights and a radio, along with batteries.
- Changing wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Be aware of the signs of hypothermia, which include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.

Also, the following websites may be useful in tracking the storm's progression, report outages and monitor storm response efforts:

[www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

[Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov)

[National Hurricane Center Updates](#)

[National Weather Service Forecast Office](#)

[New York State Office of Emergency Management](#)

[Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management](#)

[Nassau County Office of Emergency Management](#)

[NYC Severe Weather](#)

[New York Red Cross](#)

[LIPA Storm Center](#)

[LIPA Critical Care Program](#)

[Con Edison](#) [FEMA Mobile Accessible Website](#)

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